

SANTA ROSA COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM (EMS) TASK FORCE MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2000

Chief John Reble called meeting to order at 9:00 AM in the Santa Rosa County Media Center.

Members Present

Chief John E. Reble
Chief Bill Markopoulos
Mr. Dominic Persichini
Mr. Bob Murphy

Members Absent

Mr. Bobby Busby
Chief Bob Minshull
Dr. Wes Mathews
Chief Tony Simmons
Chief David Burnett

Staff

Dave Ling
Sheryl Bracewell
Bill Gilbert

Visitors

Richard Collins
Kay Martin
Joe Diamond

The agenda was approved with item number 6, which is a continued examination of Receiving Medical Facilities and Review of External Monitoring and Accountability being tabled due to Dr. Manus and Dr. Mathews being absent. (see attached.)

The minutes of October 19, 2000 meeting were approved with the amendment of the correction of Mrs. Bracewell's comment in paragraph seven stating there *could* be a meeting every six months concerning the AED's instead of there *would* be.

Reports and Statistics were passed out and reviewed and discussed by the committee. The statistics and reports consist of Emergency Medical Services and fire departments responding to medical calls, alpha calls and other calls by fire districts. Chief Reble stated there was an improvement this month since the task force has been tracking the calls.

Mr. Murphy asked if the fire departments received a report of the response and cancellations to all calls each month.

Chief Reble said he has been informing the fire departments of the report each month at the Fire Fighters Association Meeting.

The committee agreed to furnish the fire departments with a report each month and asked Mrs. Bracewell if she would distribute them in the fire departments boxes. She agreed to do this for the committee.

Chief Reble said he would like to look at the report of calls for the rural areas for the last three months. He asked Sheryl if she could have last year's reports of calls at the next meeting to compare with this year? He ask if she could have them at the next meeting for the committee to look over.

There was email correspondence from Mr. Richard Collins to Mrs. Sheryl Bracewell regarding public notice of meetings. Chief Reble asked Mrs. Bracewell if the meetings were posted on the web site and advertised in the newspapers?

Mrs. Bracewell responded with, she had informed Mrs. Aleta Floyd and Mrs. Tammy Simmons of when the meetings were scheduled and she understood that Mrs. Floyd posted them on the Web Site and she wasn't sure if Mrs. Simmons was sending them to the news papers or not, but that she would check on this and see what news papers Mrs. Simmons advertised them in.

Richard Collins, visitor, stated to the committee that the meetings were lacking public interest from the citizens of Santa Rosa County because the meetings are not advertised in a professional manner.

Chief Reble responded by saying that when the committee was initially appointed there were two or three articles in the Pensacola News Journal and Press Gazette. He stated they were a County appointed committee and their meetings must be operated as required by law and as the Board of County Commissioners directed. He observed that the Board of County Commissioners meetings often lacked public participation also. He asked the staff to get with the Clerk's office and see what their procedure is for posting notices of meetings.

Mrs. Bracewell gave a report on the review of external monitoring and accountability of her departments responsibilities of dispatching calls and ambulances arrival time frame for the ambulances when dispatched to a medical call. There were questions and comments by the committee.

Mrs. Martin stated she and her husband and three other families were in the process of setting up a support group for parents in the North end of the county who have lost children. She said if the committee knows someone who would be interested in participating, have them to call her.

The next meeting will be December 21, 2000 at 9:00 AM in the Santa Rosa County Media room